

MINUTES AND REPORT

of

MEETING OF COUNCIL

of

THE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 49 A'Beckett St., Melbourne on Monday June 25th, 1979

commencing 7.00 pm.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle - Chairman
Mr. J. Bainbridge
Mr. J.N. Black
Mr. E.J. Long
Mr. B.H. Macintosh
Mr. O.J. Slattery
Mr. W.W. Rawlinson - Executive Officer

Apologies for non-attendance were received from

Mr. K.D. Currey
Mr. J. Rigby
Mr. J.F. Rourke
Mr. I.A. Wood

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 28th May, 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Federation of Cooperative Housing Societies - Minute 3.i

The subject of nomination to CFV Council is listed on the agenda for the June 27th meeting of the Housing Societies Federation Council.

3.ii Financial Administrators - Minute 3.v

Inaugural Meeting called for 23rd July, 1979.

3.iii Meeting with Minister - Minute 4.i

A meeting has been arranged with Mr. Dixon for 10.00 am July 5th, 1979. Council agreed the Federation's representatives to that meeting would be

Mr. M. Rundle - President
Mr. O.J. Slattery - Vice President
Mr. E.J. Long - Cooperative Advisory Council
Mr. W.W. Rawlinson - Executive Officer.

It was agreed the discussion would centre on the brief submitted to the previous Minister, Mr. Hayes, on 22nd March 1979 with the addition of the Federation's attitude to the amending Cooperative legislation currently before Parliament and a request for prior consultation on any future proposed Cooperative amending legislation.

It was agreed the Minister should be advised of the matters for discussion.

3. MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

3.iv Current Bank Account - Minute 6.i

Council agreed to withdraw the direction to close the Bank account and substitute a direction that minimum balances only be maintained in the Bank account recouped as needed from interest earning funds held by Security Permanent Building Society.

3.v Central Investment Service

Council noted enquiries made of VCCA and BSR re investment schemes and agreed to defer receipt of detailed recommendations from August 1979 to October 1979 to enable development of the proposed Financial Administrators Division to provide wider background studies of needs and services to be made.

3.vi Bendigo Trading

Letter sent to Registrar Real Estate Agents Committee in support of request for issue of Real Estate Agents Trading licence.

3.viii Broadford Cooperative Hotel

Council directed follow-up action be taken in the matter of offer of assistance with budgetting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.i To Mr. I.A. Wood

Letter of congratulations on new appointment and Council membership sent 31st May, 1979.

4.ii From C.F.A.

(a) Enquiry concerning packaging of plain milk, flavoured milk and cream received : referred to Dairy Cooperatives for advice.

(b) Enquiry from Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs for names of potential members of Ministerial Consumer Advisory Committee : referred to Morwell Cooperative for details of Mrs. M. Corbell, Member of the Womens Committee of that Cooperative.

4.iii Cooperative Farmers - Graziers Direct Meat Supply
Information statement tabled.

4.iv VCCA Newsletter June 1979

Advising retirement from Board of Directors of Mr. John Bainbridge. Mr. Bainbridge indicated the matter of nomination of his successor to the Council of C.F.V. has been listed on the agenda for the first meeting of VCCA Board after its Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman and all members of Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Bainbridge for his valued contribution to the development of the Cooperative Federation of Victoria.

5. FINANCE

- 5.i The financial statement covering the period 1.7.78 to 31.5.79 was presented to the meeting, discussed and received.
- 5.ii The proposed budget for the period 1.7.79 to 30.6.80 was presented, discussed and approved. A copy is appended to the file copy of these Minutes.

6. MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership from

Lakes Entrance Fishermens Cooperative Society Ltd.

was received, supported by last annual report and the prescribed fee of affiliation.

The application was approved and the fee authorised to cover the period to 30th June, 1980.

7. ANNUAL CONGRESS

In view of non-availability of venue for Congress on October 9th 1979 Council agreed to change the date to Tuesday October 23, 1979. Council also agreed

- (1) The venue would be the Theatrette,
Victorian Government Pavilion,
R.A.S. Showgrounds,
Ascot Vale.

- (2) The function would commence 9.30 am and conclude 5.00 pm and would incorporate the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

- (3) The Conference theme would be
'Benefits of Cooperation'

- (4) Papers relating to Cooperative Directors
Cooperative Financing
Cooperatives in the Community
in addition to one relating to
Federation Services
would be presented.

- (5) Official opening at 11.00 am by

Minister administering the Cooperation Act.

- (6) Morning tea to be served adjacent to the theatrette with lunch in the Show Place, Royal Block.

- (7) Major marketing processing Cooperatives be invited to consider setting up display material.

- (8) A charge of \$10.00 per head be made as contribution to costs.

- (9) Intensive promotion will be undertaken as an aid to adequate involvement in line with the Corporate Plan objective of 30 Cooperatives and 100 delegates participating.

8. CORPORATE PLAN - Federation Services and Member resources

A follow-up reminder has produced a total of 9% response to the questionnaire. Council considered this insufficient to enable positive planning to commence in organisation of services. Personal follow-up by the Executive Officer was agreed as the next step.

9.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS DIVISION

The Planning Committee met 6th June, 1979 and planned a series of programmes. The first meeting concerned with Taxation of Cooperatives is scheduled for 23rd July 1979, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Invitations to 42 Cooperative Financial Administrators have been issued.

10.

FISHERMENS COOPERATIVES

Mr. Black chaired the meeting on 6th June adjourned from 20th April. One Cooperative not represented at the first meeting was present at the second meeting which meant six of the seven trading Fishermens Cooperatives had been involved in the meetings.

11.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

11.1 Gippsland

Invitations have been issued to 24 Cooperatives to attend the proposed Social evening in the Morwell Cooperative Store July 11th, 1979.

11.11 Western Districts

Council agreed to organise a Social evening for August 14th, 1979 at the Commercial Hotel, Camperdown and extend invitations to representatives of 24 Cooperatives in the Western District.

12.

REPORTS

12.1 Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported on amending legislation to the Cooperation Act currently before State Parliament. Council agreed

(1) the Legislation Committee should meet urgently to study the Bill after consulting VCCA to enable considered views to be advanced to the Minister on 5th July.

(2) that a formal letter be written to the Registrar requesting prior advice be given to the Federation of any proposed amending Cooperative legislation.

12.11

Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported having visited 80 Cooperatives in the past six months, these include 33 Trading, 20 Producer, 3 Industrial Provident Societies, 18 Cooperative Companies. Council agreed V.P.C. be invited to nominate representation to Council on the retirement of ACIAL representative at 30th June, 1979.

12. REPORTS (cont.)12.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

The next meeting of this Council is scheduled to be held in Surfers Paradise on Wednesday 25th July, 1979. Advance Purchase tickets require 7 days stay at destination precluding compliance with Council's May meeting direction.

Council directed that the Service Contract between the Cooperative Federation of Victoria and the Cooperative Federation of Australia due for review in September 1979 should be extended from December 1979 to June 30th 1980 and thenceforth operate on a financial year basis terminating by the giving of three months notice in advance by either Federation.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Long reported on discussions held with the General Manager and one Director of ACMAL on the subject of their declared intention to withdraw from the Federation effective from 30th June 1979. Council directed the Vice Chairman and Executive Officer meet with Board Representatives and Management of ACMAL to continue the discussion initiated by Mr. Long.

14. NEXT MEETING

Council agreed its next meeting will be held on Monday 30th July, 1979 at 49 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, commencing 7.00 pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55 pm.

